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## **County Administrative Office** Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 326 (Beall) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your signature on SB 326, by Senator Jim Beall. This bill would extend the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act until January 1, 2018.

Existing law requires each county to establish procedures for an emergency medical air transportation funding scheme for the revenue generated by new penalties upon traffic violators. The proceeds are transferred quarterly to the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The funding scheme ensures funding for emergency medical air transportation is sufficient to maintain access to these critical services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and all individuals in California. There is currently a sunset provision on the program.

We believe this program should be continued in order to promote a vital health care delivery system.

For these reasons, San Bernardino County supports SB 326 and respectfully requests your signature. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

JAMES RAMOS

Board of Supervisors Chairman

Third District Supervisor

County of San Bernardino

c: Honorable Jim Beall